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SUBJECT: NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR GUNNENG REQUESTED MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL APRIL 25 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER PRESSURE FROM NORWEGIAN PRESS FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF WHAT KISSINGER APRIL 23 SPEECH WOULD MEAN FOR EUROPE AND NORWAY IN PARTICULAR IN TERMS OF PRACTICAL DIPLOMACY.

2. MR. STOESSEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. SPEECH NOT INTENDED AS AN AMERICAN BLUEPRINT BUT A GENERAL STATEMENT OF MUTUAL GOALS AND IDEALS. WE BELIEVE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ALLIES SHOULD BE REINVIGORATED TO MEET THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE POSTWAR ERA AND THAT WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THIS PURPOSE. WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM OUR ALLIES AND GET THEIR VIEWS
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ON PRACTICAL MEASURES THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD SUCCESSES IN ACHIEVING DETENTE IN EUROPE THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR A STRONG ALLIANCE. WE HAVE MANY COMMON PROBLEMS IN THE SECURITY FIELD. THERE ARE ALSO MONETARY PROBLEMS AND THE NEED FOR COOPERATION IN A BROAD RANGE OF OTHER AREAS INCLUDING CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES. OUR HOPE IS THAT OUR ALLIES WILL WORK WITH US TO DEVELOP MORE SPECIFIC CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES LOOKING TOWARD WORKING OUT A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE.

4. AMBASSADOR GUNNENG ASKED WHETHER A CLARIFYING STATEMENT MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN NATO EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR AT THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING. MR. STOESSEL SAID HE COULD NOT SAY AT THIS TIME BUT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR NOW IS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH OUR ALLIES. ROGERS

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